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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – August 28th, 2017:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 6 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 93° (F), a low of 44° (F) and a state average temperature of 60° (F). Good week for crops, finally a drier week. Peach harvest will end around the beginning of September, Apples continue to be harvested, and yields are better than average in some varieties. Vegetables continue to be harvested, sweet corn reported as outstanding yields and quality. Corn and soybeans continue to mature and looking like yields should be pretty decent this year. Great week to make hay, spreading manure and preparing for fall seeding. Main activities for the week included haymaking, fruit and vegetable harvesting, and preparing their equipment for the fall harvest.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 27, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	4	9	86	1
SUBSOIL	4	3	92	1

Crop Conditions as of August 27, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	1	61	38
CORN	0	1	7	42	50
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	6	70	24
HAY, OTHER	0	0	12	77	11
OATS	0	3	19	75	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	5	21	62	10
SOYBEANS	0	0	4	54	42
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	11	87	2

Crop Progress as of August 27, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	33	26	34	33
CORN: SILKING	97	94	98	97
CORN: MILK	83	79	N/A	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	56	47	76	74
CORN: DENTED	19	6	44	42
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	103	100	88	N/A
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	11	<5	<5	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	81	72	82	83
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	18	6	37	35
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	88	82	91	90
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	56	50	N/A	N/A
OATS: MATURE	92	90	93	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	85	77	84	89
PEACHES: HARVESTED	78	71	78	80
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	92	90	91	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	77	63	83	N/A
TOBACCO: CUT	51	<5	37	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	95	94	N/A	N/A

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August 27, 2017 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2017					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	85	46	66	-1	0.55	1	24.11	+2.17	73	2008	+209	3395
	Erie	84	50	68	-2	1.00	2	19.82	+2.02	62	2157	+55	3540
	Franklin_AG	87	47	66	-2	1.81	1	28.03	+7.14	64	2140	+174	3534
	Meadville-Port	84	46	66	-1	0.32	1	19.69	+0.19	65	2061	+241	3437
	Springboro	85	45	64	-3	0.58	2	20.48	+2.35	73	1820	-48	3184
	Titusville	86	44	65	0	0.56	2	24.13	+3.55	61	1931	+259	3315
	Warren	86	47	66	-1	0.99	1	24.49	+4.01	73	1973	+95	3353
North Central	Bradford_Region	82	43	62	-1	1.30	3	24.24	+3.81	74	1619	+164	2959
	Coudersport_1SW	85	40	62	-2	1.23	1	21.13	+1.15	81	1562	+31	2900
	Kane	83	42	61	-1	1.48	2	24.46	+3.55	67	1521	+243	2859
	Laporte	81	45	62	-3	0.66	2	29.89	+12.13	66	1645	-3	2994
	Lock_Haven	89	50	69	0	0.60	3	26.50	+7.11	76	2339	+248	3768
	Oswayo	84	42	62	-2	1.38	2	17.97	-1.00	64	1486	-5	2815
	Renovo	88	48	67	-1	1.41	3	24.74	+6.81	79	2162	+81	3581
	Ridgway	85	47	64	0	1.41	2	26.11	+5.44	68	1853	+306	3231
	Stevenson_Dam	87	47	65	-3	1.59	3	16.99	-2.49	48	1823	-74	3210
	Towanda	88	48	67	0	0.50	2	20.30	+4.49	72	2151	+231	3555
	Wellsboro	82	44	62	-2	0.66	2	20.95	+4.70	74	1637	+141	2990
Williamsport_AP	90	51	70	+1	0.93	2	26.85	+8.24	75	2508	+322	3951	
Northeast	Hawley	87	44	64	-1	0.05	1	21.00	+2.50	70	1827	+156	3217
	Milanville	89	46	67	+2	0.43	2	18.14	-0.36	68	1978	+307	3375
	Pleasant_Mount	83	48	65	+3	1.18	2	28.61	+6.81	72	1608	+294	2941
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	89	48	68	-1	0.54	2	20.03	+2.79	67	2379	+241	3802
West Central	Butler	84	46	65	-2	1.10	2	23.24	+3.40	75	2014	+152	3418
	New_Castle_Ag	87	44	66	-3	0.85	2	21.72	+3.47	68	2394	+332	3823
	Slippery_Rock	86	45	64	-2	0.34	1	23.11	+3.29	62	1969	+273	3358
Central	Altoona_AP	86	50	67	-2	0.23	2	20.50	+3.51	70	2294	+171	3724
	Du_Bois	84	48	65	-1	0.64	3	19.74	+0.06	73	1897	+95	3282
	Elizabethville	88	50	68	-1	0.75	2	24.75	+5.86	65	2233	+69	3654
	Lewistown	90	54	69	-1	0.66	3	21.40	+2.63	75	2446	+222	3889
	Middletown	91	57	73	+1	0.08	1	22.38	+4.60	58	2828	+248	4289
	Prince_Gallitzi	87	47	66	-1	0.50	3	23.02	+5.48	86	1989	+118	3358
	Selinsgrove_2S	88	52	68	-1	0.19	3	23.91	+5.02	69	2336	+172	3762
	State_College_P	87	54	68	0	0.27	2	21.06	+3.54	69	2251	+197	3679
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	91	52	71	+1	0.40	1	28.73	+8.83	61	2583	+345	4027
	Lehighon	85	50	68	0	0.35	1	25.23	+3.31	75	2144	+194	3571
	Mt_Pocono	82	44	63	-1	0.14	2	21.63	+0.81	66	1604	+142	2958
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	84	53	68	0	1.42	3	32.64	+15.02	76	2475	+452	3909
	Connellsville_A	89	52	70	+1	1.29	3	30.36	+10.03	80	2461	+295	3888
	Grays_Landing	88	52	69	-2	1.27	1	29.54	+9.83	73	2331	-72	3759
	Indiana_3SE	84	50	66	-2	1.07	4	31.72	+10.23	79	2089	+60	3498
	Meyersdale	84	48	64	-2	1.52	2	26.12	+6.47	78	1788	+63	3161
	Pittsburgh_Intl	86	51	69	-1	0.70	2	21.41	+3.67	68	2470	+231	3900
	Waynesburg	86	48	67	-2	1.10	1	29.50	+11.06	73	2271	+206	3689
South Central	Biglerville	92	56	72	+2	0.76	2	19.56	+1.15	54	2662	+451	4103
	Everett	89	52	68	0	0.56	3	24.63	+7.27	65	2119	+124	3530
	Hanover	90	53	70	-2	0.46	2	21.08	+5.12	69	2584	+44	4024
	Harrisburg_AP	93	57	74	+2	0.16	2	19.21	+1.43	61	2867	+287	4327
	South_Mountain	82	50	65	-5	0.79	3	25.24	+4.50	70	2153	-209	3559
	York_AP	90	53	71	-1	0.48	2	16.85	-1.71	61	2601	+112	4040
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	90	51	72	-1	0.84	1	21.85	+1.23	68	2965	+306	4435
	Hamburg	89	55	71	+1	1.72	3	33.35	+12.76	70	2471	+142	3913
	Lancaster_AP	93	55	72	0	2.52	3	19.45	+0.74	58	2740	+322	4189
	Neshaminy_Falls	91	57	73	+1	0.52	1	24.37	+2.03	50	2582	+116	4036
	New_Holland	89	55	71	+1	3.44	2	22.91	+2.50	56	2723	+530	4181
	Philadelphia_AP	91	62	76	+1	2.16	1	22.50	+4.25	55	3056	+256	4526
	Philadelphia_NE	93	57	76	+4	0.34	2	21.07	-1.27	52	2979	+513	4446
	Pottstown	89	52	70	0	1.01	3	22.93	+3.68	62	2428	+199	3870
	Reading_AP	91	55	72	+1	0.95	3	24.73	+5.13	69	2691	+243	4138
	Sellersville	89	52	71	0	1.17	3	23.18	+1.55	64	2447	+147	3886
West_Chester	91	62	76	+5	1.24	3	22.94	+2.76	67	2929	+479	4367	

Summary based on NWS preliminary data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS County, Judy A. Behney

Adams County started the week out with morning temperature 68 and sunny and humid and into 90's on Monday. Tuesday morning was 66 morning cloudy/foggy and humid. Daytime 90's and thunderstorm evening with 0.75" rainfall for York Springs. Wednesday was 71 morning and sunny but no humidity and daytime was 78 and very nice day. Thursday was 60 morning and sunny into mid 70's. Today is 60 degrees and sunny but some patches of fog. Early morning rain showers but not much accumulation. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Looks like we will have decent yields for both since the rains have continued throughout the summer months. Hay continues to be made when weather permits. Some cover crop land preparation is occurring. Peaches continue to be harvested with nice crop and yields. Flavor is very good also this year. Peach harvest will end around beginning of September since everything is earlier than normal. Apples continue to be harvested in the county also. Decent yields are being reported for what is being harvested now and also expected good yields for later apples. Vegetables continue to be harvested around the county with nice crops. Readily available at farmers markets or fruit stand throughout the county. Overall the producers are staying busy and also preparing their harvesting equipment for this fall's harvest.

ADAMS/FANLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Good week to make hay. Pastures are doing well. Some early short season corn cut for silage starting late in the week. Looks like a lot of corn planned for silage may be harvested as grain. Peach crop is past peak and was a good crop. Apples still a bit ahead of normal.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good week for late summer farm chores. Rainfall less than 1/4 inch.

COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum

LOW HUMIDITY AND WIND DRIED OUT SOME SOILS TO THE POINT WHERE THEY NEED RAIN FOR THOSE SOILS. AS OF NOW THESE AREAS ARE NOT SHOWING CROP WILTING, BUT WILL SOON IF WE DO NOT GET RAIN

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Finally a drier week that aided in the opportunity to make some dry hay. Corn is developing a good ear/kernal fill. Soybeans are developing good pod set. Main Activities for the week were hay making, spreading manure and preparing for fall seeding.

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